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1. The Chemical Combine (Kombinat Syntexy Chemicznej) near Oswiecim is located in the southwest outskirts of the city, on the east side of the highway leading from Oswiecim to Bielice, about 1,600 meters southwest of the center of town, 1,400 meters south of the railroad station, 1,000 meters east of the railroad line leading to Dziedzice, and 500 meters west of the Sola River. A road connects the plant with the Bielice state highway. The plant also has a railroad spur leading to it. 25X1
2. Part of the area is surrounded by a stone wall, and part by a wire fence. The main entrance is on the east side. The main offices are located in a two-story building. Another two-story building houses the Soviet control commission, the projects and planning office, and other offices. In addition, there are four one-story buildings containing laboratories and experimental workshops.
3. Other buildings in the combine are the water pumping station; four single-story warehouses, each 150 by 30 meters; two machine shops; six explosive manufacturing departments, of which three are under constant military surveillance; and one large manufacturing department in which gunpowder is produced. There is a network of narrow-gauge railroad lines which even enter the various buildings.
4. The labor force consists of 7,500 persons, of which about 35 percent are women. The Soviet control commission consists of 18 technicians, under the direction of Engineer Vladimir Fietisov.
5. The main office for the chemical combine is located in Warsaw. There is also an office in Oswiecim.
6. The plant militia is made up of 90 men, plus a special detachment from the Polish Army.
7. The following is the weekly production of the plant. The finished products are

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shipped out every other day by rail to unknown destinations.

- a. Dynamite: 14-18 freight cars.
- b. Dolerite: about two freight cars.
- c. Trinix ~~EX~~, types 21, 24, and 28: about five freight cars.
- d. Termite 28, 32, 44: production figures not available.
- e. Ecrasite (ammonium salt of trinitro-cresol) C and T: eight freight cars.
- f. TNT: 10 freight cars.
- g. Special fuels for rockets: 7 or 8 freight cars.
- h. Abulite (super explosive) 12: production figures not available.

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